



INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

We continue to tease out Paul's answers to the implied question raised by Romans 8:18: how do we know that future glory will outweigh present suffering? First, he pointed us to the nature of that future glory—a new body in a new world. The audacity of our hope is that we look forward to that glory with expectancy (vv. 19-25). Then, he showed us that even in our present suffering and hurting, we have a helper: the Holy Spirit intercedes for us and God the Father hears the Spirit in our groaning and acts (vv. 26-27).

Today, we find something more—that God ensures that all things work together for our salvation. And that is because we love him and he loves us. Faith clings to this with absolute certainty: even when we don't know what to pray in times of suffering and hurting, we know this. It serves as our rock when all the world is shaking around us.

Our worship service reminds us that our God, whom we bless and praise, is a faithful God, our rock and refuge in times of trouble. He is the one who works all things together for good, the one who rules all things by an everwise providence, the one who cares for us and our children after us. And so, through Word, sacrament, and prayer today, we are reminded that our God is an awesome God who loves us, calls us, and cares for us in and through Jesus Christ!

WELCOME TO INDEPENDENT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH!

If you are a visitor, thank you for joining us. Please be sure to stop by our Visitor Welcome Center in the Rotunda, where we will have a gift for you. Any questions about our church? We encourage you to ask an usher or member on your aisle. Our Welcome Center greeters are also eager to assist you or answer your questions. Please see an usher if you need a hearing amplification device.

More opportunities for teaching and fellowship at IPC are listed in the back of this bulletin. Visitors interested in joining IPC are invited to attend our next *Pathway Class for Prospective Members*. For more information or to register, please contact Tamera Rackley, (901) 685-8206, or trackley@ipcmemphis.org.

Our Sunday morning Worship Services are shown via live stream in the Chapel for families with babies/young children, latecomers, or any other reason you might be more comfortable there. Additionally, a fully-staffed nursery is available during all services.

We also live stream our 8:30 and 11:00 services at ipcmemphis.org. Please note: the link will be active only on Sunday morning. In addition, audio recordings of this morning's sermon are available in the bookstore immediately following the 8:30 worship service, or during the following week on our website.

1 ***As you enter the Sanctuary, please silence your mobile devices.***

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Eight-Thirty and Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“St. Theodulph”

arr. Hobby

Jennifer Velázquez, Organist

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 134

The Minister: Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, who stand in the house of the Lord!

The Congregation: We lift up our hands in the holy place and bless the Lord!

The Minister: May the Lord bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

All: Amen! Let us worship God!

The Reverend J. Edward Norton, Associate Pastor (8:30 a.m.)

The Reverend Brad Robson, Assistant Pastor (11:00 a.m.)

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

“O Bless Our God with One Accord”

No. 400

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

Old Hundredth/Vaughan Williams

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, The God whom heaven
and earth adore, From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore. *Amen.*

Please sign and pass the Friendship Pad at this time.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Robert Russell Badgett (8:30 a.m.)

Erin Elizabeth Eastlack (11:00 a.m.)

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess our sinful nature, prone to evil and slothful in good. We also confess all our shortcomings and offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. But O Lord, have mercy upon us. We are ashamed and sorry for what we have done, and for how we have displeased you. Teach us to hate our errors. Cleanse us from our secret faults. And forgive our sins for the sake of your dear Son, in whose name we pray, *Amen.*

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?” — *Romans 8:31-32*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

Kelly Turner, Mandolin Jurey Howard, Guitar James Brown, Acoustic Bass

Words: Samuel Rodigast

Music: David Braud



1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:
4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right:



ho - ly his will a - bid - eth;
he nev - er will de - ceive me;
though now this cup in drink - ing,
here shall my stand be tak - en;



I will be still what - e'er he does,
he leads me by the prop - er path;
may bit - ter seem to my faint heart,
though sor - row, need, or death be mine,



and fol - low where he guid - eth.
I know he will not leave me.
I take it all un - shrink - ing.
yet I am not for - sak - en.



He is my God;
I take, con - tent,
My God is true;
My Fa - ther's care



though dark my road,
what he hath sent;
each morn a - new
is round me there;

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he holds me that I shall not fall:
his hand can turn my griefs a - way,
sweet com-fort yet shall fill my heart,
he holds me that I shall not fall:



where - fore to him I leave it all.
and pa - tient - ly I wait his day.
and pain and sor - row shall de - part.
and so to him I leave it all.

Children (Kindergarten) may be dismissed to their worship leader during the last verse.

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 10

The Minister: What do you understand by the providence of God?

The Congregation: The almighty and ever present power of God by which God upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty — all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

The Minister: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

The Congregation: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from his love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE OFFERTORY

“Sing to the Lord”
John Chase, Director

arr. Parker

Sing to the Lord, ye heav'nly hosts, And thou, O earth adore,
Let Death and Hell throughout their coasts Stand trembling at his power.

His sounding chariot shakes the sky; He makes the clouds his throne;
There all the stores of lightning lie, Till vengeance darts them down.

His nostrils breathe out fiery streams, And from his awful tongue
A sov'reign voice divides the flames And thunder roars along.

Think, O my soul, the dreadful day, When this incensed God
Shall rend the sky and burn the sea And fling his wrath abroad.

Let all that dwell above the sky, And air, and earth, and seas
Conspire to lift thy glories high And speak thine endless praise.

The whole creation join in one To bless the sacred Name,
Of him that sits upon the throne, And to adore the Lamb!

THE SERMON

Romans 8:28 (*pew Bible page 944*)

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“Faith's Certainty”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. What we know
 - A. All things

B. All things work together

C. All things work together for good

2. Why we know
 - A. We love God

B. God loves us

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

“O Father, You Are Sovereign”

No. 75

THE BENEDICTION

THE CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

THE POSTLUDE

“In Thee Is Gladness”

Dupré



EVENING PRAISE

THE EIGHTH DAY OF MARCH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY

Six O' clock

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 136

Left side: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: Give thanks to the God of gods.

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: To him who alone does great wonders,

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: Who by his understanding made the heavens,

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: Who spread out the earth upon the waters,

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: He remembered us in our low estate,

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: And freed us from our enemies.

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: He gives food to every creature.

Right side: His love endures forever.

Left side: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

Right side: His love endures forever.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”

No. 296

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Words: James Montgomery

Music: Sandra McCracken

CHORUS



Hail to the Lord’s a - noint - ed, great Da - vid’s great - er Son!



Hail in the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!



His reign on earth be - gun!

VERSES



1. He comes to break op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive
2. He comes with com - fort speed - y to those who suf - fer
3. *To give them songs for sigh - ing, their dark - ness turn to*
4. He shall come down like show - ers up - on the fruit - ful
5. The tide of time shall nev - er his cov - e - nant re -



free, to take a - way trans - gres - sion,
 wrong, to help the poor and need - y,
light, whose souls, con - demned and dy - ing,
 earth, love, joy, and hope, like flow - ers,
 move. His Name shall stand for - ev - er,



and rule in eq - ui - ty.
 and bid the weak be strong.
are pre - cious in his sight.
 spring in his path to birth.
 that Name to us is Love.

to chorus

to v. 3

to chorus

to v. 5

to chorus

PASSING THE PEACE

Minister: Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." And so, the peace of Christ always be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Let us offer one another a word of peace.

Please greet one another, saying "Peace be with you."

SONG OF PRAISE

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

Words: William Kirkpatrick

Music: Darwin Jordan



1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je -



ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,
 be his aid; he is blest whose hope of bless - ing
 pris - 'ner free, rais - es those bowed down with an - guish,
 ho - vah praise; I will sing the glo - ri - ous prais - es,



of my God through all my days. Put no con - fi -
 on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and earth the
 makes the sight - less eyes to see. Well Je - ho - vah
 of my God through all my days. O - ver all God



dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Lord cre - a - ted, seas and all that they con - tain;
 loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 reigns for - ev - er, through all ag - es he is King;



he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing,
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion,
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow,
 un - to him, thy God, O Zi - on,



and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Isaiah 43”

Words: Isaiah 43:1-3

Music: Anonymous



1. When you pass through the wa-ters I will be with you,
walk through the fire you'll not be burned,



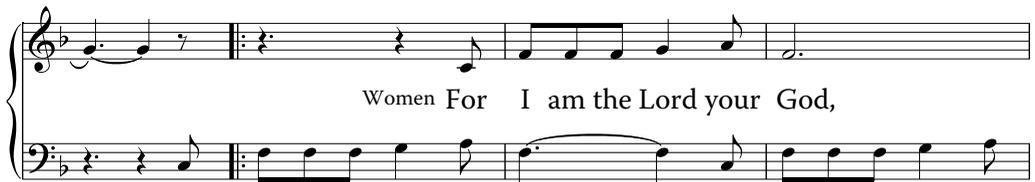
and the waves will not o-ver-come you.
and the flames will not con-sume you.



Do not fear, for I have re-deemed you.
Do not fear, for I have re-deemed you.

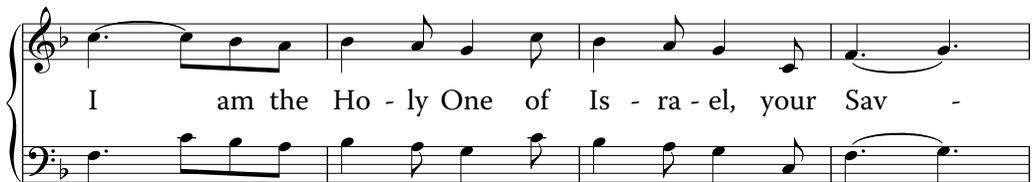


I have called you by name, you are mine.
I have called you by name, you are mine.



Women For I am the Lord your God,

Men For I am the Lord your God, for I am the Lord your



God. I am the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el, your Sav -



-ior. For -ior. I am the Lord. I am the

Do not fear. Do not fear.

Lord. I am the Lord. I am the

Do not fear. 2. When you fear. I am the Lord.

Lord. 2. When you I am the Lord.

SONG OF PREPARATION

“Speak, O Lord”

Getty and Townend

1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re -
 2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly
 3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
 rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty;
 grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
 Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
 Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will

fash - ion us in your like - ness, that the
 ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty. Cause our
 ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day in our
 faith to rise; cause our eyes to see your ma -
 grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by

acts of love and our deeds of faith.
 jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty.
 faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all your
 Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail, let their
 Speak, O Lord, till your church is built and the

pur - pos - es for your glo - ry.
 truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
 earth is filled with your glo - ry.

Children (K-5th) may be dismissed to Four Corners during the last verse.

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 6:1-6 (*pew Bible page 754*)
Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God!

HOMILY

“False and True Repentance”
Dr. Sean Michael Lucas
Senior Pastor

SONG OF PRAISE

“Amazing Grace!”

No. 460

BENEDICTION



THE FLOWERS

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God
by Anne Snowden in loving memory of her son, Paul Charles Craft, Jr.,
her brother, John David Heuer, Jr., and her mother and father,
Anne Marie and John David Heuer.
— *For lo! there dawns a yet more glorious day.*

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BIRTHS

Congratulations to
Annie and Dylan Terney and grandparents, Barb and Mike Malone,
on the birth of Emma Yvonne Terney on February 21;
Leslie and Brandt Sykes and grandparents, Barb and Mike Malone,
on the birth of Luke Allen Sykes on March 3.

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NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome the following new members:
Gwyn Brown, Kitty Cashion, Max Cohen, Peter Dowling, Carolyn and David Gish,
Theresa and Terry Rowe, Jill and Zack Street, Chris Sumner

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OUR CHURCH TODAY | MARCH 8

8:30 a.m. Worship Service
8:30 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
11:00 a.m. Children's Church (Kindergarten)
4:00 p.m. Sr. High Ensemble Rehearsal
4:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Praise Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Sr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Praise | Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Children migrate to Four Corners from Sunday Evening Praise



SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45-10:45

Nursery & Preschool –
First floor, rooms divided by age
Kindergarten — Room 209

1st grade — Room 216
2nd grade — Room 215
3rd grade — Room 217

4th/5th grade — Room 201
IDK (Middle School) — Room 155
Seniorhigh — Room 254

YOUNG ADULTS

College (Zach Hood) | Room 131
Browning Community (20s-30s) | Room 220-222

MIDDLE ADULTS

Tenent Community (30s-40s) | Fellowship Hall South
Jones Community (40s-50s) | Fellowship Hall North

MATURE ADULTS

Norton Community (50s-60s) | Chapel
Malone Community (60s+) | Room 237
The Westminster Class (Jurey Howard and Ray Wilson) | Room 233
Line by Line Class (Rankin Fowlkes) | Room 132

OUR CHURCH WEDNESDAY | MARCH 11

5:30 p.m.	Dinner Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m.	Jr. High Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	GriefShare Room 233
6:15 p.m.	BLAST! Romper Room (K - 5 th grade)
6:15 p.m.	IPC IDK (Middle School) Youth Group Middle School Room
6:15 p.m.	Seniorhigh Youth Group Seniorhigh Room
6:30 p.m.	Large Group Study: <i>An Overview of the New Testament</i> Chapel
6:30 p.m.	Grace Groups
6:30 p.m.	Pre-Elementary Choir
7:30 p.m.	Adult Choir Rehearsal

Menu for Wednesday evening: Grilled Chicken Parmesan over Whole Wheat Penne Pasta,
Steamed Whole Green Beans, Bread Sticks, Brownie with Whipped Cream, Cookies
Kid's Menu: Grilled Chicken Tenders and Veggie Sticks



OUTREACH & MINISTRIES

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays

10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

IN THE WORD: MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

led by Dr. Sean Lucas

Thursdays | 6:30 a.m.

Please note:

Women's Bible Study and In The Word Men's Bible Study will not meet the week of March 9.

LARGE GROUP STUDY

of

AN OVERVIEW OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

Wednesdays | 6:30 p.m. | Chapel

led by Dr. Sean Michael Lucas and IPC Pastors

WOC SPRING CONFERENCE

with

PAIGE BENTON BROWN

March 27-28 | IPC FELLOWSHIP HALL

Independent Presbyterian Church is thrilled to have Paige Brown as our spring Women's Conference speaker. This is an opportunity you do not want to miss!

Unlike off-campus retreats in previous years, all conference sessions will be held at IPC to make the event accessible for as many women as possible.

For more details or to register, visit ipcmemphis.org.

IPC FLOWER MINISTRY

Have you admired a floral arrangement in our sanctuary on Sunday morning and wished you knew more about flowers and floral design? Join IPC's flower arranging team, and let leaders Harriet Goshorn and Kristi McCann teach you. The Flower Ministry is also looking for volunteers who can help deliver individual bouquets made from the Sanctuary arrangement to members in need of cheer. To learn more about either of these volunteer opportunities, please contact Beth Clark, bclark@ipcmemphis.org. *Please note: the Sunday morning Sanctuary flowers can be given in memory or honor of someone, or in celebration of a special day or event. If you would like to reserve a date, please contact Caroline Bartusch, carolinebartusch@gmail.com.*

SWINGING FOR STREETS

A 4-Person Scramble Benefiting Streets Ministries

Attention IPC golfers! Our friends at Streets Ministries are holding a benefit golf tournament on Monday, April 6, at Chickasaw Country Club. Check-in and lunch will open at 11:00 a.m. Play will be in a 4-person scramble format and will begin with a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

For sponsorship and registration details, please email sgreen@streetsministries.org, or call (901) 525-7380. All proceeds will support Streets Ministries' important work in the communities they serve in Memphis.



UPCOMING EVENTS

WOC Spring Conference *with* Paige Benton Brown | March 27-28

99 Balloons rEcess | April 3, May 1

Palm Sunday Music Program *Rejoice in the Lord!* | April 5 | Sanctuary

Maundy Thursday Communion Service | April 9 | 6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

Good Friday Service | April 10 | Noon | Sanctuary

Easter Eve Concert *with* Sara Groves | April 11

Easter Sunday | April 12

Junior High Choir Commissioning Concert | April 22

Junior High Choir Spring Trip | April 24-26

Dr. John Dunlop Living Well Seminar | April 25

Senior Sunday Luncheon | April 26

Women's Spring Dinner with Mitch Maher | April 28

Children's Spring Program | April 29

IPC Ballet Recital | May 2

Pathway Class Weekend for Prospective Members | May 8-9

Camp Palmer | May 22-27

Senior High Choir Summer Tour | May 26-June 4

Senior High Choir Homecoming Concert | June 4

Vacation Bible School | June 8-12 | *Go, Go, Go Joseph!*

PASTORAL STAFF

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas	<i>Senior Pastor</i>
Rev. Robert Browning	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Edward Norton	<i>Associate Pastor</i>
Rev. Jeremy Jones	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Mike Malone	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Brad Robson	<i>Pastor, Student Ministries</i>
Rev. Parker Tenent	<i>Assistant Pastor</i>
Rev. Ford S. Williams, Jr.	<i>Pastoral Associate</i>
Rev. John P. Sartelle, Sr.	<i>Senior Pastor Emeritus</i>
Rev. Bill Hogan	<i>Assistant Pastor Emeritus</i>

MINISTRY STAFF

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James A. Brown, Jr.	<i>Director, Worship & Music Ministries</i>
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Ben Ervin	<i>Audio Visual Coordinator</i>
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Leigh Fox	<i>Hospitality Consultant</i>
Emilee Garrett	<i>Children's Choirs Coordinator</i>
Lucy Green	<i>Director, Children's Ministry</i>
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Zach Hood	<i>Director, College Ministry</i>
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Harrison Howle	<i>Choral Assistant</i>
Debbie McCallen	<i>Covenanters' Corner Bookstore</i>
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Jennifer Velázquez	<i>Associate Director, Worship & Music Ministries Organist</i>
Scott Walker	<i>Worship Assistant</i>
Suellen Warren	<i>Business Administrator</i>
Rachel Wukasch	<i>Assistant Director, Children's Ministry</i>

IPC OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 5:00 p.m.
8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday

Church's Main Office	901-685-8206
Music Office	901-685-9707
Recreation Office	901-763-3857

COVENANTERS' CORNER BOOKSTORE HOURS

Sunday 9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. — 6:30 p.m.
Friday and Saturday — Closed
901-763-3932

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Independent Presbyterian Church is to make disciples of Jesus by gathering for worship, growing in community, and going out in love.

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